

**CERVICAL SKILLS TRAINING**  
**for Registered Health Care Professionals**  
**Core Training**  
**Information Sheet**

**Aim**

To provide registered health care professionals with the knowledge and skills required to take a quality cervical sample and offer information and support in the event of an abnormal result. Outcomes as per NHS Education Scotland (2021) recommendations. Following successful course completion participants will be able to:

- Understand the principals and process of cervical screening and the role of the health professional
- Apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to recognise features of a healthy cervix
- Competence in taking a quality cervical sample
- Understand and explain results and treatment pathways
- Awareness and implications of HPV and genital conditions.
- Awareness of vulnerable population and differing health beliefs
- Use SCCRS effectively to support and enhance best practice
- Self evaluate and audit own performance

**Pre-course requirements Participants must have:**

1. Supervisor (see attached information page)
2. Email
3. SCCRS: login and password (see attached information page)
4. Ability to attend 1 session at colposcopy (Course requirements)
5. Attend 1 full day training

6. Achieve a minimum of 10 satisfactory cervical samples under the guidance of supervisor
7. Carry out and complete a quality improvement project (return to PNSDT within 6 months)
8. Complete competency workbook within 6 months

As part of the 1 day course you are required to have a supervisor.

### **Supervisor**

Supervisors must be competent in all aspects of smear taking. Supervisors must have undertaken a recognised programme of learning on cervical sampling, and demonstrate personal knowledge and competencies in sample taking and undertaken update training in the last three years.

Supervisors should be fully cognisant with the course requirements and be proficient in assessing the participant's educational needs with regard to cervical sampling.

Supervisor should be experienced in cervical screening and a current smear taker within clinical practice.

Supervisor is expected to:

- Support and provide guidance for the student
- Directly supervise a minimum of 5 cervical samples
- Indirectly supervise 5 cervical samples
- Access competence re use and understanding of SCCRS
- Access competence and understanding of processing cervical samples, results and patient outcomes.
- Sign off Competency Workbook Contract of agreement with supervisor: this is an important commitment which will ensure that you are given time and support to complete the competencies.

Once you have registered for this course, please secure a supervisor. If you are having difficulties finding a supervisor then please contact:

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